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# INDIAN BRIDE GETS ALL CROKER FORTUNE

## 100,000 CHINESE IN BATTLE ALONG THREE WIDE FRONTS; AMERICAN MARINES BOMBED

Hundreds of Wounded Feng Tien Troops, Defeated in Drive on Peking, Reach Tientsin—Japanese Aid Is Reported.

U. S. Forces on Way to Capital Escape Missile Dropped by Chi Li Airmen—Call Sent for Navy Protection.

TIENSIN, China, May 1 (United Press).—Battles in China's civil war raged along three wide fronts to-day, with 100,000 men engaged.

Hundreds of wounded Feng Tien troops, defeated in drive on Peking, are arriving here with tales of the battle.

Peng Tien troops are retiring eastward, they reported, but on a middle front have advanced toward Kailashien. There has been heavy fighting on the third front, near Tientsin.

Peking is under martial law and Americans there are reported to have sent a hurried call to Washington for a warship to come here.

The forces of Chang Tso-Lin, Manchurian leader, whose march on the Northern capital precipitated the present war, won a victory at Miao-chang, taking hundreds of prisoners, according to Chang's own communique. This was confirmed by wounded arriving here.

Charges by Gen. Wu Pei Fu, who has interposed his forces from Central China between Peking and the invaders, that Chang-Tso-Lin's crusade is backed by Japan, were partly confirmed by Justin Brandt, an American business man, who arrived at Shanghai after traveling with the Manchurian troops on the Peking-Mukden railway.

Brandt declared Japan was giving by sea as well as moral support to Chang-Tso-Lin. He declared he passed hundreds of soldiers dressed as Chinese but speaking Japanese.

A report reached Peking yesterday that an airplane of the Chi Li forces had dropped a bomb near a train filled with American marines on their way to the capital, without injuring anyone.

PEKING, May 1 (United Press).—

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## 150 U. S. SAILORS JOIN LEGATION GUARD IN PEKING

Additional Force Arrives From Cruiser Albany to Help 400 Already on Duty.

WASHINGTON, May 1. An additional force of 127 American sailors, twenty-three marines and six officers from the United States cruiser Albany have reached Peking to guard American interests in the present civil war in China. Minister Schurmann advised the State Department to-day.

This force is to strengthen the American legation guard at Peking, which numbered about 400.

Mr. Schurmann has requested Admiral Strauss, commander of the American Asiatic fleet, to send another gunboat to Tientsin, to protect large American interests there.

It is presumed this is the force that was bombed by aircraft on its way to Peking.

## BRITAIN TO REDUCE INCOME TAX, TEA DUTY AND POSTAGE

Chancellor Places Interest on \$4,166,000,000 Debt to U. S. at \$110,000,000.

SEES TRADE REVIVAL.

War Obligations Being Cut Down Only by Constant Sacrifices.

LONDON, May 1 (Associated Press).—A reduction in the British income tax rate by one shilling to the pound was announced to-day by Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in presenting the annual budget to the House of Commons. The present income tax rate is six shillings to the pound.

Reduction of the duty on tea by four pence to the pound and one-third remissions of duty on coffee, cocoa and chicory, were also announced.

Letter postage, Sir Robert said, would be reduced from two pence to one and one-half pence, printed papers from one penny to one-half penny and post cards to one penny. Certain reductions also would be made in telephone rates, he said, adding that the total cost of these reductions would be £6,500,000. These changes become effective May 1.

He declared there were signs of a revival of trade, but said the burden of taxation had checked enterprise. The policy of redemption of the debt had been pursued with vigorous success but only after superhuman efforts in the last two years.

The total debt reduction in the last year, Sir Robert said, was more than £38,000,000, and the total for the last three years was £274,000,000. He said he hoped American exchange would soon be at par.

The Chancellor estimated the revenue for the coming year, on the basis of existing taxation, at £919,600,000 and expenditures at £919,600,000, of which £335,000,000 would be for debt services. Interest on the American debt, he said, would be £25,000,000 (about \$110,000,000), and the total debt to America was \$4,166,000,000.

The revenue for the last fiscal year, ended April 5, the Chancellor stated, had been £1,124,000,000, which was £91,000,000 less than estimated. The expenditure had been £1,079,000,000, leaving £45,000,000 for debt reduction.

The amount of the income tax collected, £298,000,000, was a tribute, said the Chancellor, to the financial soundness of the country and the patriotic character of its people.

## SHIP GOES ON ROCKS, CREW OF 26 RESCUED

Ten Thousand Barrels of Oil Lost in Collision With Reef.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The tank steamer Whittier, of the Union Oil Company, which went on the rocks at a point ten miles south of Point Arena last night, is a total loss, the company was advised to-day by radio.

The steamer's cargo of 10,000 barrels of oil was lost also. The crew of 26 was saved.

## TO REVIVE TREATIES ABROGATED BY WAR

These Relate to Patents, Extradition, Consular and Commercial Rights.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Inauguration of endeavors to revive the pre-war treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary relating to patents, extradition, rights of ships, imports, and to consular was announced to-day at the State Department.

The treaties of peace signed with the three nations provided that such treaties might be revived within six months after the exchange of ratifications. This period will expire within the next month.

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## GIRL DIES OF WOUNDS AT MIDNIGHT PARTY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 1.—Myrtle death to-day of a young girl, twenty-two, formerly of Louisville, as the result of wounds received at a midnight party at "The Castle," a chicken farm resort, was under investigation by police.

Ruby Lane, twenty, who attended the party and declared liquor was drunk, said she found Miss Davis lying in a heap by the veranda. Miss Davis's skull was fractured.

## SAYS TWO WOMEN ARE IMPLICATED IN BRUNEN MURDER

County Detective Reveals Double Life of Man Accused in Confession.

WOMAN BEFORE JURY.

Indictments to Be Withheld Until Prosecutor's Investigation Is Ended.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., May 1.—Names of two women who are implicated in the murder of John Theodore Brunen, circus owner, slain at his home in Riverside, N. J., March 10, will soon be made public, County Detective Ellis H. Parker said to-day.

It was after he had checked up on Harry C. Mohr, brother-in-law of the slain showman, who, with Charles M. Powell, is in jail here charged with murder, and thus prevented the possibility of Mohr presenting an alibi, that Parker told of the women.

He said that Mohr, who is married, has been leading a double life and that the women whose names he will reveal to-day had a direct bearing upon the slaying.

One of the first witnesses to appear before the jury was Mrs. Marie Powell, wife of the man who confessed firing the fatal shot. With her eight-month-old baby clasped in her arms, Mrs. Powell entered the room red-eyed and wan. She presented a pathetic figure.

Request that indictments be withheld against Powell and Mohr was made to the Burlington County Grand Jury to-day by Prosecutor W. H. Kelsey, done, he explained, to prevent Mohr from having counsel. Other arrests were anticipated in the case, the Prosecutor intimated.

Mohr, Parker said, in addition to his home in Philadelphia, where he lived with his wife, had an apartment in Camden, where he lived part of the time for five weeks with a woman. The pair also lived together for a time at Pottstown, Pa., he said.

The whereabouts of this woman was being kept secret, but Parker said she would be a witness. Parker said she was an actress who had deserted her husband.

Detective Parker to-day was emphatic in denying that any one may have been involved with Mohr in arranging for the assassination of the showman.

"Mohr is the arch-criminal," Parker said. "He is capable of doing this."

After this assertion Parker made known that he had received information that both Powell and Mohr were wanted in Indianapolis for passing worthless checks.

Mohr, who was accused by Powell with having hired him to kill the showman, will try to obtain his liberty upon an alibi. His counsel, Walter S. Keown, of Camden, yesterday said that Mohr can account for every minute of his time.

Witnesses expected to testify before the Grand Jury are Mrs. Doris Brunen, the widow; Hazel Brunen, a daughter; Milton K. Stanley, a Camden County detective; Mrs. August A. Mohr; mother of Mrs. Brunen; Miss Hattie Mohr of Philadelphia, Mohr's sister; and Mrs. Bessie Mohr, wife of the slain circus man.

It is intimated other arrests will be made.

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## Rich N. J. Widow, 70, Searched, Baggage Seized and Fortune In Jewels Bared at Customs

Mrs. Henrietta Stromberg Questioned After Gowns Are Found Within Gowns When Aquitania Arrives.

The baggage of Mrs. Henrietta Stromberg, wealthy widow of New Brunswick, N. J., seventy years old, who was a passenger from Cherbourg on the Aquitania, arriving Saturday, was taken to the Appraiser's Stores for appraisal and examination to-day.

Customs Inspector Habcock at the pier observed that several dresses in Mrs. Stromberg's trunks had other dresses sewed into them. He reported this to Deputy Surveyor Taylor, who ordered a woman inspector to take Mrs. Stromberg to her cabin and search her.

Mrs. Stromberg admitted, according to the Customs officials, that she had two pearl necklaces, a diamond bar pin, a diamond and sapphire ring and other rings which she had not entered in her declaration. According to Mrs. Stromberg, the necklaces were purchased in this country. She also was questioned regarding a jeweled watch which she was seen to give to another passenger as she was leaving the ship. Mrs. Stromberg insisted that the watch was not her property and had merely been put in her care on the ship.

Abram J. Rose, former Assistant United States Attorney, who visited Deputy Collector Stuart and Solicitor Edward Barnes at the Customs House, on behalf of Mrs. Stromberg, said it was ridiculous to charge Mrs. Stromberg with smuggling, and that he had offered proof that her pearls were purchased here for about \$75,000, several years ago.

Five treasury agents were called into the office of Mr. Barnes after the conference and were sent out on errands having in connection with the Stromberg investigation.

Mrs. Stromberg's first husband was Frank Parker, who left her a large fortune and she built the Parker Memorial Home in New Brunswick in his memory. She has been active in the Imperial Order of British Daughters and in the work of the Zion M. E. Church, and has contributed largely to charities in this city and New Brunswick, according to her friends.

Mrs. Stromberg has a country estate, Rosebank, at New Brunswick, and an apartment at No. 270 Park Avenue in this city. She has three daughters, Miss Sally Stromberg, who drove an ambulance in France during the war; Mrs. Clifford I. Voorhees and Mrs. H. McCarter.

WANTS \$28,166,000  
MORE FOR NAVY

Sec. Denby Pleased With \$6,000 Personnel, but More Cash Absolutely Essential.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Satisfaction with a navy personnel of \$6,000 men as fixed recently by the House was expressed by Secretary Denby to-day in opening hearings before the Senate Appropriations Committee, but he requested appropriation increases totaling \$28,166,000 over those carried by the House bill.

The principal itemized increases were \$9,049,000 for aeronautics, \$1,800,000 for transportation and \$4,781,000 for repair to vessels. The Secretary said these increases were "absolutely essential."

"The transportation increase was explained as necessitated by an 'unusually great turnover' of enlisted men, about 40,000 of whom are due to be discharged within the next year. The hearings were put over until tomorrow.

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## CROKER GAVE ALL TO WIFE BEFORE DEATH TO AVOID COURT CONTEST OVER A WILL

Counsel for One of the Sons Says He Doesn't Believe the Former Leader Made Bequest Because "He Had Nothing to Leave."

Richard Croker, long before his death, gave every dollar's worth of property owned by him in this country and in Ireland to his Indian bride.

It was the knowledge that this was being done that the children of the former Tammany boss brought an action in Florida to have him adjudged incompetent and have his estate and affairs placed in the hands of Richard Croker Jr. The lower court dismissed the action on a motion by the father's attorneys, and an appeal was taken to the Florida Supreme Court.

Argument was closed on the appeal last week and the decision of the highest court in the State has been expected any day. It was after the suit was started that the attorneys of the younger Mr. Croker learned that Mrs. Croker sr. was in possession of everything that had been owned by the former 14th Street chieftain.

"Mr. Croker," said Frederick R. Ryan, "attorney for Richard Croker Jr.," transferred everything he owned to his wife long before there was any trouble between him and his children. This is a matter of record. I have heard nothing of a will of Mr. Croker and would be very surprised if he had made one, as he had nothing to leave to any one.

"Four actions had been brought on behalf of the children, in addition to that which sought to have him declared incompetent. The first was for some shares of W. Wash Railroad stock, involving \$1,600 and which was lost by Mr. Croker and is now on appeal. The second was for the recovery of 400 shares of Westinghouse Electric stock, and Mr. Croker, before the completion of the suit, handed over the stock.

"The third action was to have set aside the revocation of Mr. Croker of the deed of trust executed by him and his first wife, mother of the children, which gave the girls Ethel and Florence and the son Howard \$5,000 a year. Mr. Croker also declared himself the possessor of the principal of the trust, amounting to \$125,000. He lost this suit and it is now on appeal.

"The fourth action was for \$125,000 paid out by Richard Croker Jr. for his father, and this had not been brought to trial. Only two days ago I was notified by Mr. Nathan, Mr. Croker's attorney, that his client would come over here in October to defend this action, instead of compelling us to go to Dublin to take his deposition."

The Florida property, Mr. Ryan said, was held by Croker and his wife in joint tenancy, but the husband's half passed automatically to his widow upon his death.

Lawyers were discussing to-day the probable effect of the appeal should the Supreme Court of Florida adjudge the dead man incompetent when he transferred his holdings to his Indian wife. Rumors were rife that a similar action would be begun in Dublin to wrest Glencairn Castle and all other holdings from the widow.

Mr. Ryan declined to make a statement on his angle of possible future action.

Harold Nathan, attorney for Mr. Croker in the litigation of the children, expressed his opinion that, with the death of his client, all litigation died and that no further action would hold.

The Croker estate is estimated to be worth now about \$2,000,000. Richard Croker Jr. was credited to

## REPUBLICANS LOOT BANK OF IRELAND OF OVER \$440,000

Various Branches in South Raided and Robbed by Irregulars.

BELFAST, May 1 (Associated Press).—More than £100,000 sterling (about \$440,000) have been taken by Irish Republican Army irregulars in raids on various branches of the Bank of Ireland in the south, it was reported in Belfast to-day.

The branches at Limerick, Waterford, Wexford, Clonmel, Sligo, Castletown and Tuam were among those raided. All of the raiders escaped capture. No other banks were touched. At Limerick the raid was carried out and the money of the bank was removed in motors while a large crowd looked on.

The Bank of Ireland has been acting as treasurer of the Irish Provisional Government, and it was believed here the seizures were intended to embarrass and paralyze the work of Provisional Government officials.

ADDED \$200,000 TO AID  
IN FLOOD RELIEF WORK

Bill in Congress Also Provides for Levee Repairs.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—President Harding and Secretary of War Weeks to-day gave their approval to an additional appropriation for \$200,000 to aid in relief work and to repair damage done to levees along the lower Mississippi River by floods.